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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of
Robin Mackay
Application No. 09/992,240
Filed: November 6, 2001
For: DISSEMINATING CONSUMER INFORMATION

Dear ROBIN MACKAY:

You are named as the sole inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 118 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(b), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as the sole inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-9200. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at (703) 308-9726 or 1(800)972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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Application No. 09/992,240	: DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: November 6, 2001	: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
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INFORMATION	:

This is in response to the "Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b)," filed April 12, 2002.

The petition is granted.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor has refused to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been presented with the application papers. Specifically, the declaration of Christine Sheppard states the non-signing inventor was mailed a copy of the application papers as filed, but failed to respond to the request that he sign the declaration. In addition, petitioner has shown that NCR Corporation has a proprietary interest in the above-identified application with the copy of the employment agreement showing that the inventor had an obligation to assign any intellectual property rights to NCR Corporation. The required petition fee was submitted with the instant petition. Lastly, petitioner has submitted a declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 and demonstrated that petitioner has shown that such action is necessary to prevent irreparable damage.

This application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(b). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(b) status and the Office of Initial Patent Examination is authorized to:

- (1) accept this application under Rule 1.47(b);
- (2) process the application with the inventors being Robin Mackay and with the indication that the application was filed by NCR

Corporation as the party in interest under 35 U.S.C. § 118, inventor authority code 08;, using the Declaration filed on April 12, 2002; and

(3) mail a filing receipt with a filing date of November 6, 2001.

As provided in Rule 1.47(b), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the Declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

After this decision is mailed, the above-identified application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

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